Use of Plastic

3649. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have declared the scheme "Use of Plastic" for the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total outlay of the scheme for the year 1996-97; and

(d) The pattern of providing assistance and total number of beneficiaries thereunder, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Assistance is being provided under plastic scheme for the items of drip installation, drip demonstration, green house, plastic mulch, shading nets, anti hail nets, anti bird nets, low tunnels and drying of agricultural produce.

(c) The present outlay under the scheme is Rs. 68.36 crores for the year 1996-97.

(d) the pattern of assistance followed for different components is as under:

Drip Installation : 90% of the cost for SC/ST, Small/ Marginal and woman farmers, 70% of the cost for other farmers or Rs. 25,000/ ha. whichever is less.

Drip Demonstration : 75% of the cost or Rs. 22,500/ ha. whichever is less with an area ceiling of 1 ha.

Green House : 50%, 40% and 10% of the cost or Rs. 62.50/sq.m., Rs. 200/sq.m. and Rs. 200/sq.m. for low cost, medium cost and high cost green houses respectively.

Plastic Mulch : 50% of the cost or Rs. 5000/ha. whichever is less with an area ceiling of 1 ha.

Shading Net : 50% of the cost or Rs. 14.00 per sq. m. whichever is less with an area ceiling of 500 sq.m.

Antihail Nets : 50% cost or Rs. 500 per tree with a ceiling of 20 trees per beneficiary.

Anti bird Nets : 50% of the cost or Rs. 2000 per ha. whichever is less with an area ceiling of one ha. per beneficiary.

Low tunnels : 50% of the cost or Rs. 12.50 per sq.m whichever is less with an area ceiling of 800 sq.m. per beneficiary.

Drying of Agricultural Produce : 50% of the cost or Rs. 22.50 per sq.m whichever is less with maximum ceiling of 48 sq.m. per beneficiary.

Information on the number of beneficiaries is not maintained.

[Translation]

Export of Fruits/Vegetables

3650. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to set up any corporation for undertaking the export of vegetables and fruits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The Central Government have no proposal to set up any Corporation for undertaking export of vegetables and fruits under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government have already set up an Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for undertaking export of fruits and vegetables.

Compensation for Persons Killed by Wild Animals

3651. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the persons killed by wild animals are mostly poor people living in the forests and given a small amount as compensation;

(b) whether the amount of compensation given in such cases differs widely from that given in cases of air, road and rail accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to bring uniformity in compensation amount given for these untimely deaths; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The economic condition of most of the people living in and around the forests can, on an average, be termed as poor. Under the Centrally Sponsored